FDI in Industrial Sector

478. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to allow Foreign Direct Investment in the Industrial Sector; and

(b) if so, the areas in which FDI is likely to be introduced along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) FDI is already permitted for all industrial activities.

Tea Plantation

479. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would take steps to open the work relating to the tea plantation which is closed; and

(b) the steps Government intend to take to ensure employment to the tea estate workers and to disburse the arrears of wages, bonus and other benefits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) Government has appointed Expert Committees to make an in-depth study of the closed tea gardens in the States of West Bengal, Kerala, Assam and Tripura and suggest a package of measures for their viability and revival. These Committees are expected to submit their reports by March, 2003. State Governments are primarily responsible for the administrations and